

12 April 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHILDS *PC*

SUBJECT: Report of Meeting at Department of State Relative to  
Non-Receipt of State Department Intelligence Reports  
and Analyses relating to Japanese Peace Treaty

1. Policy problems of the Department of State are maintained for security reasons on what is known as List 1. The items of List 1 are not customarily distributed to other departments and agencies of Government.

2. I doubt, however, if throughout CIA it is sufficiently recognized that the items on List 1 are specific request materials to meet particular policy needs and that as such the List 1 kind of item is very frequently only typed and not mimeographed.

3. State also contends that the intelligence organization is frequently requested to do a job of straight research work to accumulate background material for some operational problem rather than the undertaking of intelligence research and that as such the product may frequently be a statistical accumulation of data which would not fall into the category of items usually disseminated as intelligence.

4. Because of my previous visit to Mr. Strong, and his subsequent meeting on this subject with Mr. Armstrong, the Department of State has set up a particular individual in the intelligence organization to present policies and procedures in order to ascertain what may be issued to the intelligence organizations without damaging or interfering with policy matters of the Department of State.

5. The feeling at the Department of State is that we in CIA had no justifiable reason to embark upon the Far East Study, ORE 99-49, "A Japanese Peace Treaty - Considerations Relating to US Security Interests." Furthermore, the CIA people were told this fact when the paper was first sent to the Department of State. All present work on Japanese Peace Treaty is one of the most closely guarded undertakings in the entire Department. The work being done and the interim papers being issued is all part of the responsibility of the Far Eastern Office of the Department and not of the intelligence organization.

6. The following are specific comments on each of the seven items which formed the basis of the discussions with the Department of State regarding the withholding of "Intelligence Information or Analyses . . . from CIA."

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1. Tokyo D-157, 28 January 1950. State comment: This dispatch had marked on it clearly "for departmental use only." Accordingly, whoever spoke about this to persons outside of the Department was violating Departmental Security Regulations.
2. OIR report of interested nation's attitudes towards the Japanese Peace Treaty. State comment: This subject was and is a List 1 item.
3. OIR Study: "Japanese Attitudes Toward Peace Treaty Problems, Part I." State comment: This was and still is a List 1 item. However, there is a strong possibility that this can be released. The decision to release will await the determination of the current study being undertaken to establish a policy and procedure for List 1 items.
4. "The November 2 draft treaty." State comment: This particular document was not even distributed to the Office of Intelligence Research (OIR). In fact, it was seen by only one person in the State Department intelligence field.
5. Document prepared by UK for Columbo Conference relative to Japanese Peace Treaty. State comment: The intelligence organization of the Department of State is not sure whether this document was ever received in the Department. It is certain, however, that the intelligence organization of the Department did not get it.
6. State's circular cable (State control 3210) of 10 November. State comment: Distribution of this cable was made on Mr. Phil Strong's request. Strong feels that the entire series was distributed. He stated that he arranged for such dissemination before any request came over and that it was handled as an item for standard distribution.
7. Economic material of background value but not specifically referring to the peace treaty. State comment: This was prepared for departmental use only and to be used only within the Department. It has received extremely limited distribution even there.

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